

MAUTES APPEAR AGAINST TARIFF OF INTER-ISLAND

Freight Rates Inaugurated By Navigation Company Subject of Utilities Inquiry

OPPOSING ATTORNEYS PRECIPITATE NEAR-ROW

What Promises To Be Prolonged Fight Between Shippers and Corporation Begins

Other than a general letter of complaint read from the Maui chamber of commerce, condemning the increased freight and passenger rates, the expected pyrotechnics in the investigation of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, held before the public utilities commission, yesterday, failed to appear. In all respects the meeting was orderly and conducted apparently without any illfeeling, the only verbal demonstration occurring near the end of the meeting between Attorney L. J. Warren, for the steamship company, and Clarence H. Olson, legal representative of Harold W. Rice, a cattle shipper from Maui, and A. W. Carter, manager of the Parker ranch in Hawaii.

The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing specific complaints from merchants in Maui and Hawaii in regard to the new rates that have been in effect since September 1, and a number of persons were subpoenaed as witnesses. Nearly a score of complainants were present, but during the session that lasted three hours but little was accomplished.

Mautes Given First Chance

Particular interest was attached to the testimony that was expected from A. W. Carter, who protested against the rates two weeks ago through counsel. At that time the meeting was continued until yesterday in order to permit Carter to make his complaint in person. Carter was in readiness yesterday to voice his complaints, but after an arrangement had been made with the Maui contingency, which was anxious to return home, it was agreed to hear the Mautes first and take up the complaints of Carter on next Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

The nearest thing to a real tilt happened at the end of the meeting when Attorney Warren, on behalf of the steamship company, asked permission to present the company's case after all complaints had been heard. This was during the examination of James L. McLean, vice-president of the company, who was being questioned closely by Chairman Charles R. Forbes for the company's reason for increasing the rate on beef one cent a pound.

"I think it is unfair to oblige the company to answer these questions until we hear all the testimony on the other," interjected Attorney Warren. Company News On Defensive

Attorney Olson was on his feet in an instant. For a moment the situation was tense. Olson declared that it was not a case in court but an effort on the part of the utilities commission to search out the facts in the case. "I believe there is no intention to force Mr. McLean to make any statements that are not matters of fact," he said. "And I see no reason why he should not be questioned by the commission."

It so happened, however, that Mr. McLean was not subjected to further interrogation, for Attorney Warren complained bitterly of the method of drawing out piecemeal the facts by what he believed to be a mild sort of inquiry.

"The company," he said, "should not be called upon to defend itself against charges that had not been specifically made. These alleged charges cannot be met until they are presented. The question of the rates is too complicated to be decided by isolated instances. Rates for separate points cannot be dealt with singly. The entire rate question considered from all points on the islands should be considered."

Text of Maui Complaint

"Gentlemen: At a meeting of a special committee of the Maui Chamber of Commerce appointed to represent the Maui Chamber of Commerce in considering the new tariff of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company and make representations on behalf of that body to your commission which meeting was held on the twelfth day of September, the new tariff and the service given by the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company were fully discussed and the committee on behalf of the Maui Chamber of Commerce wishes to make the following representations to your commission.

"We believe that the raise on the freight on cattle from Kahului is view of the excellent shipping facilities is unwarranted, unreasonable and discriminatory. The freight rate on cattle from Kahului to Honolulu is five dollars per head, to which is added a wharfage charge of fifty cents per head. The cattle are driven on the steamer from the wharf and with practically no loss of time to the steamer. Mr. William Walsh, superintendent of the Kahului Railroad Company, informs this committee that on one occasion fifty-two head of cattle were loaded on the steamer Claudine at Kahului within six seconds after the time they were driven upon the wharf. This is of course the best time of which record has been kept, but Mr. Walsh further informs this committee that the average time for loading fifty head of cattle at Kahului is not more than fifteen minutes, and that the loading is done

PRICE OF FLOUR AGAIN INCREASES

But With Each Advance Grocers of Honolulu Trim Their Margins Closer

Another increase in the cost of flour, this time of forty cents a barrel, has taken place on the Coast, according to advices received here within the last few days. The increase since the middle of June, including the latest of forty cents, is two dollars a barrel, or fifty cents a bag of fifty pounds.

It was stated that millers of the Coast do not know when increases will end. A short crop is blamed. Speculation and corners are harsher words used.

Henry May & Co., said that their firm has received no advice as to this increase. No change has taken place since August 21, when there was an advance of forty cents a barrel. Retail price for the May best grade is one dollar and eighty cents a bag, which the representatives of this firm say is the actual value by unimpaired quotations, but that it was the policy to give patrons the benefit of every purchase—that is, selling flour purchased at a lower price at a correspondingly lower retail price in spite of later advances.

At mainland prices, flour is worth two dollars a bag. Plans are being made to buy flour in bulk from one dollar and seventy-five cents to one dollar and ninety cents and from one dollar and ninety cents to two dollars, the latter for the best grade.

Advances by different mills do not take place simultaneously, so that some may follow others after a few days but that all will increase is certain.

CITY TREASURER GETS CHECK FROM TERRITORY

City Treasurer David L. Conkling announced yesterday that he had received a check from the Territory of Hawaii for \$630.25. This is the Territory's share for the present payment of the Lusitania-street improvement.

With practically no risk of injury to the cattle.

Comparison Is Made

"As a comparison attention is called to the fact that the rate on cattle from Kahului is five dollars per head, where the cattle must be swum to the small boats, towed to the steamer and hoisted on the steamer by the steamer's crew, under which condition the time consumed and labor involved is very much greater.

"On account of the excellent facilities at Kahului a special rate prevails on pigs from Kahului to Honolulu and we believe that for the same reason the shippers of cattle from Kahului should be entitled to the same consideration."

Second: General Merchandise

"We believe that, considering the service given, the freight rates on general merchandise are exorbitant. There are innumerable complaints as to service. Claims for loss or damage in transit are absolutely ignored and the company and its agents show no willingness to accommodate the shipping public in any particular.

Third: Freight To Way Ports

"The Inter-Island steamship Claudine consistently refuses to accept freight from Kahului for Hana and Kihei and way ports while accepting shipments from Honolulu and this action is a manifest discrimination against Maui merchants.

Fourth: While this committee was in session a report came in from Mr. E. L. Mellor at Kipahulu, stating that he had just been informed by the officers of the Inter-Island Steamship Claudine that he could expect no freight from Kahului for several weeks.

Mr. Mellor has a contract for the erection of a bridge at Kipahulu, which contract carries a time limit and in order to avoid serious loss it was necessary for him to charter a special boat to carry material from Kahului to Kipahulu to carry on his work.

Over-carrying of Freight

"On innumerable occasions freight from Kahului coming by the steamship Claudine, arriving at Kahului Tuesday morning, is taken to Hana and Kipahulu and unloaded on return to Kahului Wednesday afternoon, and on many occasions part of this freight is carried back to Honolulu and again brought back by the Claudine, arriving at Kahului Saturday morning. This practice to your committee appears to be seriously uneconomical and results in serious inconvenience to consignees.

WOOL GROWERS MET AT SALT LAKE CITY

In Annual Convention Sheep Men Blame Politics For Public Land Troubles

Addressing the National Wool Growers' Association in annual convention at Salt Lake City, Aug. 31, Frank J. Hagenborth dealt extensively with present and prospective sheep trade affairs. He attributed current prosperity mainly to the European war. The large drought in Australia, and encroachment of the agricultural on the pastoral area in South America and New Zealand were given as reasons for production encouragement. Regarding the decrease in domestic flocks he said:

"Dogs and disease on eastern farms, settlers and inimical legislation on the western range and uncertainty as to the future have contributed to this result. The range-man is steadily liquidating the farmer is not stocking up in proportion and as a net result, when we take into consideration the decrease in production, it will be safe to place the shortage at 30 to 40 per cent."

Lamb Producer's Opportunity

"This means high prices and the producer of lambs in the United States has but little to fear from imported frozen meats, at least until such time as the public has been educated to the use of foreign product. The same condition, however, does not obtain as to wool. Foreign wools will always be a serious competitor of our own and nothing but a tariff will equalize the superior advantage of the foreign grower. An effort was made to secure an appropriation of \$30,000 for a government breeding station but only \$8,500 could be secured. The policy of Secretary Houston was commended.

Politics in Public Lands

Dealing with the public domain question, President Hagenborth stated that efforts to secure reforms at Washington had been discouraging. He disclaimed opposition to the settler by the sheep owner, but contended that the live stock industry was entitled to some consideration and that refusal by Congress to satisfy the lands of the public domain "has been due more to politics than to the welfare of the misguided settler who is allowed to starve on land unfitted by nature for his use."

Necessity for proper breeding was urged. He said: "We must have ewes that will shear 10 pounds of wool, worth 30 cents per pound and deliver to us 90 per cent of lambs at shipping time at \$4 per head net. Any ewes over these prices will sell poorly, and mean loss. Quality and not quantity is the rule by which we must work."

STEERS AT \$15.00 FORTY YEARS AGO

How the increase in the cost of living has progressed in the last thirty or forty years was discussed by Gov. J. B. Kendrick of Wyoming, an old stockman who has watched the march of events. Today a chicken is worth more than a turkey was a few years ago; a hog more than a hog; a cow more than a cow; a horse more than a horse. This illustrates the increase in the price of food stock.

In March, 1879, I went down to Texas to look over 2000 head of steers in Matagorda county, Southern Texas," Governor Kendrick said. "While I was down looking over the young cattle I was asked by the manager of the ranch if I cared to buy some older steers. The owner, I was told, had a number of 6-year-old steers that he would sell, although he was not anxious. He was going to hold them until he got his price declared. The manager impressed upon me, however, that I need not hope to buy unless I was willing to pay the owner's price."

"I asked the price and was told that he wanted \$15 a head. Think of it—15 a head for 6-year-olds, and today calves are bringing \$85."

KAUAI PLEASSED WITH NEW SCHOOL STAFF

Kauai seems to have been fortunate in securing an assortment of exceptionally promising school teachers for the ensuing year. This has been due, we are given to understand largely to the fact that Kauai's school houses average up better than those of any of the other islands, with the exception of Oahu; while the living accommodations for teachers are far and away superior to those of other rural communities.

These advantages have become noised about with the result that a number of the best of the new teachers applied particularly for assignments to Kauai schools. Thus the good work of the county supervisors in improving school conditions is having a very desirable effect in an unexpected way. Garden Island.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Laxative). Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. The signature of R. W. GROVE is on each box. Manufactured by the PARIS MEDICINE CO., St. Louis, U. S. A.

Honolulu Wholesale Produce Market

Quotations

ISSUED BY THE TERRITORIAL MARKETING DIVISION September 15, 1916.

BUTTER AND EGGS		POULTRY	
Island butter, lb. cartons...	.80 to .40	Young chickens, lb.	.35 to .40
Eggs, select, doz.	.62 to .65	Turkeys, lb.	.26 to .28
Eggs, No. 1, doz.	.52 to .57	Ducks, Muscovy, lb.	.25 to .27
Eggs, No. 2, doz.	.35 to .40	Ducks, Peking, lb.	.25 to .27
Eggs, duck	.45	Ducks, Hawn, doz.	.65 to 7.00

VEGETABLES AND PRODUCE	
Beans, string, green, lb.	.05% to .04
Beans, string, wax, lb.	.04 to .05
Beans, Lima in pod, lb.	.03% to .04
Beans, Navy, Red, cwt.	5.25 to 5.55
Beans, Navy, White, cwt.	5.50 to 5.80
Beans, small white, cwt.	8.00 to 8.50
Beets, doz. bunches	.30 to .40
Carrots, doz. bunches	.20 to 2.00
Cabbage, cwt.	2.50 to 3.00
Cori, sweet 100 ears	2.00 to 2.25
Cori, Haw., sm. yel.	43.00 to 45.00
Cori, Haw., lg. yel.	41.00 to 43.00
Rice, Japan, seed, cwt.	5.75
Rice, Haw., seed, cwt.	5.00

FRUIT	
Alligator pears, doz.	.30 to .75
Bananas, bunch, Chinese	.20 to .50
Bananas, bunch, Cooking	1.00 to 1.25
Breadfruit, doz. (none in market)	1.00
Figs, 100	.08 to .10
Grapes, Isabella, lb.	.05 to .10
Strawberries, lb. (none in market)	.01%

(Beef, cattle and sheep are not bought at live weight. They are taken by the meat companies dressed and paid for by weight dressed.)

Hogs, up to 150 lbs.	.10 to .11
Hogs, 150 lbs. and over	.09 to .10

DRESSED MEATS	
Beef, lb.	.11 to .13
Veal, lb.	.12 to .13
Pork, lb.	.15 to .17

HIDES (Wet-salted)

Steer, No. 1, lb.	.15% to .16%
Steer, No. 2, lb.	.14%
Rips, lb.	.15%

FEED

The following are quotations on feed, Loc. Honolulu:	
Corn, am. yel., ton	48.00 to 49.00
Corn, large yel., ton	46.00 to 47.00
Corn, cracked, ton	47.50 to 48.00
Brass, ton	37.00 to 38.00
Barley, ton	40.00 to 41.00
Scratch feed, ton	48.00 to 49.00

The Territorial Marketing Division is under supervision of the U. S. Export Station, and is at the service of all citizens of the Territory. Any produce which farmers may send to the Marketing Division is sold at the best obtainable price. A marketing charge of five per cent is made. It is highly desirable that farmers notify the Marketing Division what and how much produce they have or sell and about when it will be ready to ship. The shipping mark of the Division is T. M. D. Letter address: Honolulu, P. O. box 1237. Salesroom: Waikiki corner Maunakea and Queen streets. Telephone 1840. Wireless address, TERMARK.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER

Island eggs are scarce and advancing in price. All kinds of poultry with the exception of ducks are in demand. Due to the high price of feed the common Chinese duck is a drug on the market. The duck men claim that they cannot afford to pay the present high price of feed, and are therefore sacrificing their breeding stock. A great many of them have gone out of the business entirely.

Tomatoes are plentiful, and the price is dropping. There was no change in the price of feed for this week.

A. T. LONGLEY, Market Superintendent, Honolulu, T. H., September 15, 1916.

BLACK BLIGHT OF COFFEE AGAIN APPEARS IN KONA

The black leaf coffee blight or "fungal" disease prevalent in Kona during 1915 is again much in evidence according to advices received by the Maunaloa mail yesterday. The blight is a secondary leaf disease following attacks of torpedobugs, mealy bugs and various scales.

These pests are insects with sucking mouth parts, which send their beak into the tender herbaceous and pump the sap that ought to go into making coffee into their own stomachs. This liquid diet is strained by the bug, the protein digested out of it and the balance containing the sugars excreted from special glands on the abdominal segments of the insect as "honeydew."

The black "fungal" fungi following the leafhoppers grow on the surface of the leaf in this sticky-wet excretion. The harm coming from the "black blight" is that the fungus retains off the light so that the normal starch-making processes of growth do not take place—various spray solutions can be used to kill the black blight but thus far there have been no demonstrated methods of methods made in the Kona coffee fields.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARKET PROBLEMS

Plans to check the annual billion-dollar waste in the marketing of farm products and a comprehensive program in rural districts, beyond the present school and power of the farm loan board, will be the chief work of the fourth national conference on marketing and farm credits which will be called to order in Chicago December 4. The marketing section of the conference will take practical and immediate steps to rectify certain abuses in marketing, and to tighten up the loose methods now prevailing in the handling of the chief crops of the nation. The rural section will analyze the scope and limitations of the farm loan act.

Champion Angus Steers

Twenty-three fine Angus steers sold at \$11.10 per hundred pounds live weight at Chicago on August 30. They averaged 1413 pounds each. These steers were grown and fattened in Madison county, Iowa. They were fed on silage, ear corn, cottonseed meal and alfalfa hay. They averaged \$11.10 each, which makes the wholesale butchers' cost of the best twenty cents a pound.

Market Sales Good

The Territorial marketing division did a total business of over \$17,000 in August. T. Longley stated yesterday and has done just as well this month as last.

BOARD OF HEALTH FILLS VACANCIES

Several New Government Physicians Appointed and Much Routine Work Handled

Meeting at one o'clock yesterday afternoon, the territorial board of health acted upon a number of resignations tendered by government physicians and named successors to those retiring from service.

The resignation of Dr. Homer H. Hayes of Pukoe, Molokai was accepted and Dr. F. G. Sanborn, physician for the Molokai Ranch, was appointed in his place.

Dr. A. C. Rothrock was appointed government physician for the district of Makawao, Maui, in place of Dr. W. F. McConkey, whose resignation was accepted.

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McKinley Appointed

The resignation of Mrs. H. A. Francis, district nurse for Oahu in the tuberculosis bureau of the board of health, was accepted, and Miss Mary McGuire's appointment in her place was confirmed by the board. Miss McGuire is a graduate from one of the California schools for nurses and returned to Honolulu about two months ago. She has been filling the position the past four weeks.

Considerable routine work was handled by the board, of more or less importance. The report of A. W. Hansen, food commissioner and analyst, for the month of August was read, approved and filed.

The commissioner reported that during August he analyzed sixteen samples of milk and found fifteen in good order. The remaining sample was analyzed and found to be of poor quality. Lactometer tests were given to 3160 quarts of milk.

He analyzed eleven samples of ice cream, all of which, but one, were found all right. In the case of the sample found under standard the dealer was arrested and the case is now pending in the police court.

Under the heading of "miscellaneous," Commissioner Hansen reported that he had analyzed a sample of butter for "Mr. Ferdinand of the police department." What he found the commissioner says not.

Dealing with criminal prosecutions, Mr. Hansen says that John Diaz was arrested for selling adulterated milk and that in this case sentence was suspended in the police court. Young Chin was arrested for selling adulterated ice cream. The case is still pending in the police court—where many things hang fire, it seems.

FURLONG, PIONEER RACER, PASSES OUT

Harold B. Giffard's Recent Purchase Dies At Kapiolani Track of Pneumonia

Furlong, the bay running horse recently brought to Honolulu from the coast by Harold B. Giffard, died last night at six o'clock of pneumonia. The bay was taken sick a week ago, but called in by the attending veterinarian, W. T. V. S. McFarlane and L. C. Case, pronounced the animal out of danger, and it was thought he was on his way to a speedy recovery. Yesterday morning, however, Furlong suffered a relapse, and before evening was so low that no hope was entertained for him. Coming from a different climate, the horse could not become accustomed upon catching cold, decided rapidly.

Furlong was a stallion and nine years old. At Tia Juana last winter he was a favorite on the track and won a great many races. Later the horse was taken to Reno.

In 1910 the stallion was at his best and did some fast racing on the North western circuit in Seattle. Furlong, it is said, was at his best at the three-quarter mile.

Mr. Giffard imported this horse to enter in the Labor Day races, but on account of quarantine was unable to do so. The horse had just been released from quarantine and was being worked out preparatory to the races of October 30 when he succumbed. Furlong, it is said, was valued at \$7500.

East India Chutney

Peel and core twelve small apples. Peel one mild onion. Remove seeds and stems from three peppers, one of which should be red. Seed one cup raisins and extract the juice of four lemons. Chop the apples, peppers, raisins and onion very fine. Add one pint cider vinegar and one-half cup currant jelly and let simmer very gently for one hour, stirring often. Add one pint elder vinegar, two cups sugar, one tablespoon each salt, ground ginger and cayenne; cook another hour, stirring constantly. Store as canned fruit.

THIRTEEN THOUSAND CHILDREN ENROLL

This Number Is In Oahu Alone—General Increases Expected In Other Islands

More than thirteen thousand children enrolled in the public schools of Oahu this week. No reports have come from Hawaii, Maui or Kauai, but it is believed the enrollment in all the islands will be considerably higher than last year. The department of education is confident that the old difficulty of congestion will not be encountered this term except, perhaps, in one or two isolated cases, and that sufficient room is available for all the pupils.

The shortage in desks and seats, rather serious in some instances in this island, is but temporary, due to the nonarrival of cargoes from the mainland. It is said enough desks have been ordered to meet all demands, and they are expected to arrive within a week or two.

It is true that several—in fact, many—schools in Honolulu are filled to capacity and have had to turn away prospective pupils. The overflows generally have been directed to Central Grammar.

There is no need for children to wander through the streets or for their parents to complain that the schools have no room for them this term, said Inspector Raymond yesterday. "If the child is turned away from one school and the parent does not know where to send him, they should communicate with the department. I think we will be able to place every youngster."

In actual figures, 13,322 pupils enrolled in twenty-eight of the thirty-six public schools of Oahu. Reports have not been received from eight institutions, and the attendance at these is expected to raise the number to 13,500. Kaimulani, at Palmyra, has the largest registration of any individual institution, 3708 being enrolled there. Central Grammar has an enrollment of 1137, and this school continues to grow daily, as the overflow from other districts are sent to it.

Enrollment by Schools

At Liliuokalani there is need of at least twenty-five more seats, while Central Grammar needs eleven more desks for its first-grade students. Enrollment in Oahu schools has been reported as follows:

McKinley—Total, 445; freshmen class, 205.

Normal—Total, 321; eighth grade, 26. Liliuokalani—Total, 539; eighth grade, 14.

Waikiki—Total, 153; no eighth grade. Moiliili—Total, 380; eighth grade, 7. Maunaloa—Total, 172; no eighth grade. Kakaia—Total, 103; eighth grade, 73.

Pohukaina—Total, 514; no eighth grade.

Central Grammar—Total, 1137; eighth grade, 94.

Pauoa—Total, 163; no eighth grade. Maunaloa—Total, 177; no eighth grade.

Royal—Total, 998; eighth grade, 82. Kaula—Total, 858; no eighth grade.

Kaimulani—Total, 1398; eighth grade, 74.

Kalihi-kai—Total, 281; no eighth grade.

Kalihi-waena—Total, 627; eighth grade, 27.

Kalihi-uka—Total, 51; no eighth grade.

Moanalua—Total, 37; no eighth grade.

Waterfront—Total, 90; no eighth grade.

Alaia—Report not yet submitted.

Pearl City—Total, 187; no eighth grade.

Waipahu—Total, 468; eighth grade, 6.

Ewa—Total, 511; eighth grade, 6.

Waimanalo—Total, 218; no eighth grade.

Wahiawa—Total, 128; no eighth grade.

Lalehu—Total 103; eighth grade, 6.

Makoleia—Report not yet submitted.